

SENATE CHAMBER,
AUSTIN, TEXAS, Saturday, May 28, 1870.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Roll called; quorum present. Prayer by the Chaplain. Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Senator Samuel Evans qualified according to law and took his seat.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON ROADS, BRIDGES
AND FERRIES.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
Austin, May 28, 1870.

To the HON. DON CAMPBELL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries have given Senate Bill No. 14, "To incorporate the Jefferson, Marshall and Big Cypress Bayou Bridge Company due consideration, and hereby return the same, recommending its passage.

J. G. BELL,
Chairman.

Laid over under the rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY.

MR. PRESIDENT: The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 55, entitled "An Act to organize and define the powers of the criminal district courts in and for the counties of Galveston and Harris, and to prescribe the duties thereof," have had the same under careful consideration, and instruct me to report the bill back to the Senate with accompanying amendments, and recommend its passage.

G. T. RUBY,
For Committee.

Laid over under the rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENGROSSED BILLS.

MR. PRESIDENT: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, having examined and compared Senate Bill No. 15, "An Act to incorporate the Germania Land and Improvement Association;" also Sen-

ate Bill No. 17, "An Act to incorporate the City Bank of Houston;" and Senate Bill No. 26, "An Act to incorporate the Texas Military Institute," find the same correctly engrossed.

G. T. RUBY,
E. L. DOHONEY,
P. W. HALL.

Senator Pickett offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That one hundred copies of the committee's report of the Houston Fair be printed for the use of the Senate.

Senator Fountain moved to amend by adding "five hundred copies," in place of "one hundred copies."

Amendment accepted. Resolution, as amended, adopted.

Senator Broughton introduced the following :

Resolved, That the Committee on State Affairs be instructed to inquire into the necessity and expediency of establishing one or more additional State penitentiaries; also an additional asylum for the insane, and report by bill or otherwise. Adopted.

Senator Mills introduced the following :

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be and is hereby authorized to issue to the Chaplain of the Senate certificates of service, at eight dollars per day. Adopted.

On motion of Senator Pridgen, the Committee on Private Land Claims was authorized to employ a clerk,

BILLS.

By Senator Flanagan;

A bill entitled "An Act to authorize counties, cities and towns to aid in the construction of railroads and other works of internal improvements.

Read first time and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

On motion of Senator Alford, it was ordered that one hundred copies be printed for the use of the Senate.

By Senator Hertzberg, "An Act to incorporate the San Antonio Hebrew Benevolent Association."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

[General File.]

Senate Bill No. 16, "An Act to incorporate the Germania Saving's, Trust and Exchange Company."

Read second time, and passed to Engrossment.

Senate Bill No. 36, to establish a ferry across the Sabine river at or near Red Rock, Upshur county, State of Texas.

Read second time, and passed to engrossment.

Senator Priest, by leave, introduced the following report of the Committee on Judiciary :

COMMITTEE ROOM,
Austin, May 28, 1870.

HON. DON CAMPBELL,

President of the Senate :

SIR : The Judiciary Committee to whom was referred the matter of districting the State into judicial districts, have with much care considered the matter and performed this duty, and have instructed me to report the accompanying bill and recommend its passage.

M. PRIEST,
Chairman.

The hour having arrived for the special order of the day, on motion of Senator Ruby it was postponed for half an hour.

Senator Parsons moved a suspension of the rules that the report be received and the bill put to its second reading.

Yeas and nays called for. Result as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Cole, Dohoney, Flanagan, Fountain, Gaines, Hall, Hertzberg, Latimer, Mills, Parsons, Pettit, Pickett, Priest, Pridgen, Pyle, Rawson, Ruby, Saylor, Broughton, Baker—20.

Nays—Messrs. Altford, Bell, Clark, Douglas, Evans, Ford, Shannon.

Absent—Senator Bowers.

Motion to suspend the rule lost.

11½ o'clock A. M.

Senator Priest moved that the special order be postponed for a half hour. Carried.

Senator Douglas moved to recommit, and that the Judiciary Committee shall be instructed to report a substitute reducing the number of districts to twenty-eight.

Senator Priest moved to indefinitely postpone the resolution. Carried.

Senator Fountain moved to suspend rules that consideration of Senate bill entitled "An Act to provide for districting the State of Texas into judicial districts," be made the special order for Monday at 10½ o'clock A. M. Carried.

[Senator Pickett in the chair.]

SPECIAL ORDER, 12 M.

House bill No. 88, "An Act to provide for the protection of the frontier," read first time.

On motion of Senator Fountain, rules suspended and bill passed to second reading.

Senator Fountain moved that the bill be read by sections. So ordered.

Senator Parsons moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and Frontier Protection, and that the chairman of the committee open up telegraphic communication with our senators and representatives in Washington, requesting them to inform this Senate as to the status of the bill pending before Congress for the better protection of the frontier of Texas, and the prospects of its final and speedy passage. Adopted.

Senator Fountain moved that the committee report on Tuesday, May 31, at 1 o'clock, P. M., and report and bill be made the special order of the day at that hour.

Senator Mills moved to amend by adding Saturday in place of Tuesday. Lost.

Original motion adopted.

Under the direction of the President the Secretary carried to the House substitute for Senate Bill No. 1, "An Act for the benefit of freedmen and freedwomen."

On motion of Senator Cole, the Senate adjourned to Monday.